



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee Report
October 27, 2008**

The Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee met twice since the AWIB meeting in May 2008. The committee worked on the following issues since the last board meeting:

1. Regional Advisory Councils (RAC's)
2. By Law Revisions
3. Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

Regional Advisory Councils

Representatives from the Northwest Arctic, North Slope, Southeast, Interior, Southwest, Mat - Su, Kenai Peninsula and Bethel Regional Advisory Councils attended the May AWIB meeting. Since the May meeting the RACs had two teleconference meetings. The Education Workforce Advisory Commission (EWAC) is working with the AWIB and is the Regional Advisory Council for the Anchorage region. The RACs from Southeast, Southwest and the Bethel region have identified their top three occupational priorities. The remaining RACs are at various stages of indentifying the occupational priorities in their regions. The representatives from the Regional Advisory Councils have been invited to attend the October AWIB meeting and reception. The Regional Advisory Council contact information and occupational priorities are attached for your review.

Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

The top three directives for the Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee to be (listed from highest):

1. Collaboration and partnerships both interdepartmental and across disciplines, state & federal agencies, non-profits, education & labor, corrections, industry and communities. This includes knowledge of all providers of training and resources and the need for a coordinated training system for Alaska.
2. Create employer incentives to increase Alaska hire. Recognition for employers, i.e. best value contracting (points for resident hire). Potential incentives – tax incentives, paid training scholarships. Governor's Citation, DOA Procurement Orientation.
3. Provide maximum employment of residents as part of plan in the state's future development of resources and infrastructure.

The committee continues to work with the regional advisory councils to accomplish the above strategic directives and priorities.

By-Law Revisions

The committee worked on by law revisions which were a result of the May board member retreat. The revisions address board member categories eligible for office and attendance for board and committee meetings. The revised by-laws are attached for AWIB review and approval at this meeting.